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Dear Sirs,

I would like to offer a few comments on the state of the microsoft settlement.

1. I had/have a very hard time accepting the reversal of Judge Jackson. As far as his comments about mocrrosoft executives, I agreed. The execs. that 'testified' sounded like idiots that MUST have found their riches under a rock they tripped over, I.E. 'I don't understand the question'.
2. microsoft itself MIGHT, in fact, be sealing it's own fate with concepts like XP but, with their past history of total want of control of all things computer, and now internet, I fear for average users.
3. Bill Gates doesn't come across as a person that is either intelligent or compassionate. I believe 'power mad' is the closest description I can imagine, it can't be about money anymore, can it?

Steve Ballmar sounds like a very unreasonable person, profit as the motive or not.

Yes, I am a Linux user, in part because of the actions of microsoft, please don't let these people 'off' to continue to treat average users the way they have in the past and indicate they will treat them in the future. A lot of consumer income hangs in the balance.

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